Panels made by railway recruitment Board, Muzaffarpur

2976. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panels relating to categories Numbers 65—70 of Employment Notice number 9 issued by the Railways Recruitment Board, Muzaffarpur were reviewed because of irregularities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether certain summary sheets pertaining to the recruitment in question were lost; and

(d) if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These irregularities mainly relate to framing of selection panel of candidates in alleged arbitrary manner.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

Seminar on vedic mathematics

2977. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether a Seminar on Vedic Mathematics is being organised at Jaipur;

(b) if so, the names of Indian and foreign scholars who are likely to participate in it;

(c) the organisations and institutions associated with the Seminar and whether NCERT has any role in it; if so, in what way; and

(d) what is the manner in which it is going to help (i) further research in Vedic Mathematics and correlating it with the modern sciences; and (ii) extending the benefit to school boys and college students all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) A workshop on Vedic Mathematics is being organised in Jaipur from 25th to 28th March 1988.

(b) No foreign scholar is invited in this workshop. A statement containing the list of Indian scholars invited to it, is laid down on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 107].

(c) The organisations and institutions associated with organising this workshop, are mentioned in the list indicated in (b) part of the reply including representative of NCERT who will be consulted for their role in it.

(d) This will be known only after the workshop has been concluded.

Sanskrit commission

2978. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the (S. K. Chatterji) Sanskrit Commission (1956-57) had suggested to start a Central Institute for the Studies if Indian Humanities particularly ancient Indian Philosophy, Literature and Culture, the core of which would be the section devoted to Sanskrit, Vedic, Indo-European and Indian Philosophy and Religions;

(b) whether it was also suggested that this Central Institute should assist Indian and foreign scholars by functioning as a Central Clearing House for supply of references, information, contacts, copies of manuscripts etc. from different parts of India as well as from foreign centres; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the suggestions of Sanskrit Commission Government of India has set up an autonomous organisation namely, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan which through its eight Vidyapeethas is looking after mostly all the matters pertaining to Vedic and Sanskrit Education. Apart from this a scheme is being prepared for the creation of International Institute of Indology and Classical Languages in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Recommendations of Sanskrit Commission

2979. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the (S.K. Chatterji) Sanskrit Commission (1956-57) had suggested institution of a Central manuscripts survey which would (i) periodically issue Bulletins about the manuscripts surveyed, transcribed, collected from time to time; (ii) publish detailed catalogue of the collections made and examined; (iii) make critical editions of the most valuable manuscripts so discovered and (iv) acquire filmcopies and photostats of important manuscripts in foreign libraries and to help as a Central Clearing House for Scholars who enquire about manuscripts in Indian and foreign libraries; and

(b) what is Government's thinking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government attaches great importance to Sanskrit Manuscripts survey work and the work has been going on through:—

(i) Seven Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas under Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi Situated at Jammu, Delhi, Allahabad, Jaipur, Puri, Tirupati and Guruvayoor purchase and maintain manuscripts libraries with the Government grant. They also procure and preserve Sanskrit manuscripts and have got sizeable collection of them.

(ii) National Archives, New Delhi and National Library, Calcutta has got an elaborate scheme for purchasing manuscripts,

(iii) A proposal made by the Indira Gandhi National centre for Arts to feed into computer all available information about all known manuscripts in Indian and foreign libraries is under active consideration of the Government. They have also a programme for preparing a union catalogue of catalogues,

(iv) The Ministry has also recently formulated a scheme for the survey and location of Sanskrit manuscripts lying scattered all over India. This scheme is under serious consideration of the Ministry.

(v) The Ministry of Education has given liberal grants for the collection and preservation of manuscripts to the voluntary organisations as well as for the maintenance of manuscripts libraries.

Implementation of new education policy in 1988-89

2980. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what is the total amount to be spent for the implementation of the New Education Policy for the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): An amount of Rs. 800 crores provided in the Annual Plan budget of the Central Sector for the year 1988-89 covers broadly all the schemes and programmes for implementation of the National Policy on Education—1986.